

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 870

By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach Philip Shadowens and the Smyrna High School football team on capturing the team's second consecutive TSSAA Class 5A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, exemplary determination, and great skill, the exciting 2007 Smyrna High School football team has recently climaxed an excellent season by winning their second consecutive Tennessee Secondary School Athletics Association (TSSAA) Class 5A state championship; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Philip Shadowens, the Smyrna High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007 season, establishing an impressive record of twelve wins against only three losses on the road to victory at the BlueCross Bowl Class 5A State Championship Game on December 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Smyrna Bulldogs bulldozed many of their opponents during the regular season, including Siegel (48-13), Brentwood (28-0), Blackman (13-0), Gallatin (45-28), and Oakland (42-21); and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs continued their success in the initial rounds of the playoffs, gaining victory over the Cookeville Cavaliers (28-10), defeating the Lincoln County Falcons (43-16), taming the Wilson Central Wildcats (17-7), and besting the Bearden Bulldogs (17-14); and

WHEREAS, Coach Shadowens unleashed the mighty Bulldogs in the Clinic Bowl, trouncing the Independence High School Eagles by an astounding score of 46-20 to capture the

school's second consecutive Class 5A state title. This marks the first time in TSSAA history that a public high school has won consecutive Class 5A titles; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by the outstanding performances of freshman running back Jeremiah Bryson, who was named the BlueCross Bowl Class 5A Offensive Most Valuable Player and scored three touchdowns in the first quarter, contributing to the 127 yards he gained on 27 carries throughout the game; and receiver Rodriquez Wilks, who made several important tackles and nabbed two touchdown passes, and was named BlueCross Bowl 5A Defensive Most Valuable Player and Class 5A Mr. Football; and

WHEREAS, Co-Team Most Valuable Players Sonny Gray and Rodriguez Wilks, along with seniors Tyler Montgomery and Will Martin, captained this successful Bulldog team under the astute leadership of Head Coach Shadowens and his assistants, Coaches Scott Keasler, Jason Pitts, Kent Pippenger, Steve Carson, Travis Scrimsher, Shawn Middleton, Will Hawkins, Alex Robins, Justin Morton, and Will Forkum; and

WHEREAS, the talented players who comprise the Smyrna Bulldogs are Lorenzo Alexander, Quentin Allen, Gavin Baxter, Jordan Bell, Blaze Blanke, TJ Boyd, Brandon Brady, Zach Broadwater, Dakota Brown, Jeremiah Bryson, Westley Cadena, Corey Cammon, Nathan Cantrell, Tony Carr, Keith Carter, Adrian Chigorimbo, Taylor Cox, Donovan Craig, Justin Cunningham, Luke Curnow, Josh Day, Ryan DuBray, Ricky Eady, Tyler Eady, Tyler Einecker, Corie Ford, Justin Ford, Kyle Frazier, Terry Freeman, Drew Garner, Harrison Gill, Daryl Goad, Sonny Gray, Cody Hager, Ali Al Hasson, Brandon Hendricks, Jonah Hendricks, Jarvis Hicks, Alex Hill, Orlando Hoilett, James Hudson, Brandon Jaradat, Andrew Jenkins, Cordarius Johnson, Don Johnson, Jeremy King, Calvin Lake, Eddie Lalap, Garreous Lisenbee, Tanner Long, Zach Long, Anthony Martin, Justin Martin, Will Martin, Sam McAnally, Montez McCroskey, Deon Meadows, Herbert Meadows, Keion Merritt, Jackson Miles, Nico Miller, Tyler Montgomery, Sean Picklesimer, David Pierre-Paul, Donald Porter, Manson Poteet, Gage Quibodeaux, Nick Richardson, Donovan Salvato, David Sanders, Kyle Saunders, Cleve Shaw, Andre Shipp, Garrett Singleton, Nick Smart, Anthony Smith, Kassidy Spence, Colin Szklarski, Laith Al Tamimi, Kelly Thomason, Keanthony Thompson, Jesse Torres, Travail Watts, David

West, Rod Wilks, Blair Willis, Adam Woodard, Josh Woodard, Dakota Woods, and Chris Yoder;  
and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward continued successes in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the stellar accomplishment of athletic teams that win state championships, and even more so when it is achieved with such great sportsmanship, outstanding spirit, and remarkable integrity as that displayed by the Smyrna High School Bulldogs; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Philip Shadowens and the Smyrna High School football team on capturing the school's second consecutive TSSAA Class 5A State Football Championship on December 8, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.